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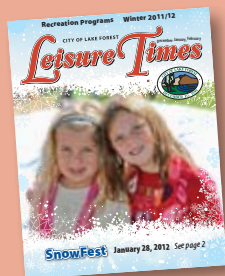
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Happy Birthday to Lake Forest! **Celebrating 20 Years of Cityhood**

December 20, 2011, marks the City's 20th anniversary, and we're planning a year-long celebration! The festivities will begin on the City's actual date of incorporation, December 20, with a reception before the City Council meeting, starting at 6 p.m. We invite you to join the City Council as we commemorate this important milestone in the City's history. The schedule of events will include a rendition of the City song, an appearance by the City's mascot Nectar, and a cake cutting ceremony.

The fun continues in January with special anniversary light pole banners hung throughout the City. In the spring, the City will sponsor an essay contest with scholarship prizes. Summer will bring a golf tournament, an anniversary concert, and a commemorative Fourth of July Parade. Finally, we'll wrap things up in the fall with a special celebration party. For more details on these events, stay tuned to the City's website, the Leaflet, and the Leisure Times.



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CITY MANAGER'S

Message

Happy 20th
Anniversary Lake Forest!

It is hard to say whether 20 years ago the City's leaders could have envisioned the Lake Forest of today and how we have grown as a city. Upon incorporation, the City's population was 56,600, today it is 78,720 and includes the communities of Foothill Ranch and Portola Hills. In the past, the El Toro Corridor was nothing much to speak of, today it is an attractive shopping and dining destination for residents and visitors alike. City Hall went from a modest storefront on Mercury Road, to an over 40,000 sq. ft. business park building that offers a thriving Senior Center and Teen Center.

Over the past 20 years, the City has delivered upon its commitments to providing quality public safety, parks and recreation facilities, and streets and infrastructure. As the City's 20th anniversary approaches, we are poised to deliver the Lake Forest Sports Park and Recreation Center to the community (read more on page 5). In addition, we have kicked off a project to build a permanent Civic Center – Lake Forest's 100 Year Home. With active recreation facilities planned for the Recreation Center and Sports Park, the Civic Center will offer community meeting space and other amenities currently unavailable in Lake Forest. We're off to an exciting start as we are currently reviewing the survey responses collected from the online survey as well as the Community Workshop hosted in September. We look forward to working with the community again in the new year as we finalize amenities at the Civic Center and work towards delivering Lake Forest's 100 Year Home.

Happy holidays!

Sincerely,

Robert C. Dunek

Robert C. Dunek,
City Manager

US Department of Justice Announces Crack Down on Commercial Marijuana Operations in Lake Forest

US Attorney Recognizes City's Substantial Efforts to Combat Illegal Marijuana Stores

In an October 7 letter to the City, US Attorney André Birotte Jr. detailed his strategy to combat the commercial marijuana industry in Lake Forest and throughout the Central District of California, which includes seeking forfeiture of properties along with seizure of bank accounts. US Attorney Birotte's letter acknowledged the City's efforts to date, stating "In choosing to take these actions in your city and nearby communities, we have noted the substantial efforts your city has made on its own to combat commercial operations through both civil and criminal enforcement." Despite the City's efforts, over the past three years, there have been 33 different marijuana businesses operating in various commercial locations in Lake Forest. In some cases, the property owners worked cooperatively with the City to close the illegal businesses without litigation. In other cases, the City was forced to initiate litigation.

To view a copy of US Attorney Birotte's letter, visit the City's website at www.lakeforestca.gov/PR201107.

Upcoming City Council Meeting Dates

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m.

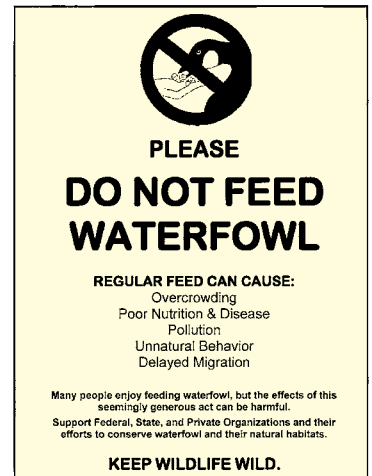
- Tuesday, November 1
- Tuesday, November 15
- Tuesday, December 6
- Tuesday, December 20

Keep Wildlife Wild at Village Pond Park – Do Not Feed Waterfowl

Village Pond Park is known for being home to several species of waterfowl. Well-meaning visitors to the park often feed bread and other human food to the birds. Unfortunately, this seemingly generous and innocent activity is actually quite harmful, and can cause overcrowding, poor nutrition and disease, unnatural behavior, delayed migration, and pollution. In addition, these negative impacts significantly diminish the aesthetic value and functionality of the park for the community.

Representatives from the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center, based in Huntington Beach, visited the park and confirmed that the regular supply of human food from park patrons over the years has impacted the birds' natural migratory patterns and resulted in an excess number of birds at this location. Working together, we hope to address the problem of overfeeding waterfowl and to continue providing a quality park for the community to enjoy.

We encourage all park visitors to take a part in conserving our local waterfowl and their natural habitats – and doing their part to Keep Wildlife Wild. For more information, contact the Community Services Department at 461-3401.



“FALL BACK”

Change your Clocks and Smoke Alarm Batteries
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, November 6

When you change your clocks this November, take a minute and change your smoke alarm batteries too. This is an easy way to protect your family from fire. Smoke alarms save lives by greatly increasing your chance of survival in a house fire by allowing extra time before a fire is fully developed.

Smoke Alarm Tips:

- Have battery operated smoke alarms on every level of your home
- Make sure everyone in the house knows the sound the alarm makes
- Have an escape plan and a designated meeting place outside of the home
- Never “borrow” smoke alarm batteries or disconnect them from the device
- Never paint a smoke alarm



Fair Housing



An impediment to fair housing opportunity is any policy or practice that denies or adversely affects the provision of housing to a person in any protected class. Examples of a protected class include minorities, elderly, and disabled persons. As a recipient of annual Federal Community Development Block Grant funds, the City of Lake Forest is committed to furthering fair housing practices in the community and cooperates with the Fair Housing Council of Orange County to eliminate discriminatory practices county-wide. Fair Housing opportunity is the law. If you or someone you know has a fair housing question or issue that needs to be addressed, please call the City's Housing Manager at 461-3471.

City Works with Nature Reserve of Orange County on Conservation of Coastal Cactus Wrens

Lake Forest Sports Park Project Facilitates Restoration of Wren Habitat

Over the last two decades, the coastal cactus wren population on conserved reserve lands has declined by over 80%. Their steep decline is a direct result of two catastrophic wildfires that destroyed habitat and caused substantial deaths of cactus wren, multiple years of drought, and isolated breeding populations. The Lake Forest Sports Park project provides the Nature Reserve of Orange County (NROC) with an opportunity to conduct extensive cactus scrub restoration throughout the Reserve System, which will have significant positive effects on the cactus wren population.

The Lake Forest Sports Park and Recreation Center will be constructed at the intersection of Portola Parkway and El Toro Road. This land is currently undeveloped and supports a variety of plants including coast prickly pear and coastal cholla, which provides habitat for the cactus wren. Using plants from the Lake Forest site, NROC plans to restore seven acres of cactus scrub at 12 distinct



Photo by Karly Moore

sites throughout South Orange County. The salvaging process is expected to begin in December, and will include 14,700 cactus pads (the “leaf” of the cactus) and 700 larger plants, ranging in size from one to three feet tall. NROC has overseen a number of cactus restoration projects, and has stated the translocation will help re-establish coastal cactus wren populations by increasing opportunities for mating, enhancing gene flow and genetic diversity, and providing a bridge between southern and northern populations.

ETNIES SKATEPARK OF LAKE FOREST 1st for “Best of Orange County 2011”

The 18th Annual People’s Choice “The Best of Orange County 2011” winners included the newly expanded Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest for best skate park. Sponsored by the OC Register, the contest lets readers pick their favorite spots throughout Orange County. Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest, with over 60,000 square feet, is known for its variety of elements from world-class streets, flows, bowls, and pools – something for every skater, no matter their age or skill level. Free to Lake Forest residents, the park is a premier destination for skaters and hosts multiple championship tournaments and events. For more information, visit www.etniesskatepark.com.

Lake Forest Sports Park Final Master Plan Approved

The Lake Forest Sports Park Final Master Plan provides for:

- Five baseball/softball diamonds
- Five soccer/multi-use fields
- Two basketball courts
- Two playgrounds with play structures
- A centrally-located multi-use lawn ("The Commons") for hosting cultural and special events and sports activities
- An approximately 30,000 square foot Recreation Center that would include a gymnasium and multi-purpose meeting and classroom space
- Parking for approximately 535 vehicles
- Restrooms and concession spaces
- Trail connections to local and regional trails and preservation of existing vegetation and open space habitat
- Security lighting and lighting for all sports fields and courts



For more online, visit
lakeforestca.gov/sportspark.

To be located near the intersection of Portola Parkway and El Toro Road, the Final Master Plan represents the culmination of a series of community design workshops that began in 2008. Next steps include clearing and grubbing of the site (December 2011), grading (May 2012), and construction (Fall/Winter 2012). For more information, contact Community Services at 461-3450.

New Business Reception – January 2012



The City will host a "New Business Reception" for all Lake Forest businesses that started a business or relocated to Lake Forest within the past year. This welcome reception will provide attendees with an overview of business resources and marketing tools, and feature information booths from the Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce, SCORE Business Counselors, Small Business Administration, Business Watch, and more! Contact the City's Economic Development Division at economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov or at 461-3567 to receive your official invitation.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Waste Management customers with curbside service can recycle their Christmas trees for free by placing the trees at the curb or in their green waste carts on their scheduled pick-up day. Trees greater than six feet must be cut in half and can be picked up for recycling for two weeks starting December 26. As a friendly reminder, please remove all decorations, including ornaments, tinsel, lights and the tree stand. For more information, visit Waste Management at www.wmorangecounty.com.



Holiday Safety Tips

For more information, contact
Police Services at 461-3546

Lake Forest Police Service would like residents to have a safe and happy holiday season. Please take a minute to review these holiday crime prevention tips:

HOME

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
- Set your lights on a timer so the house looks occupied.
- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your homes.
- When leaving home for an extended period of time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.

SHOPPING

- Be aware of your surroundings. Minimize shopping after dark or when alone. Take a family member or friend with you when possible.
- Park in a well-lit area.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- If you must use an ATM, choose one located inside a mall, grocery store or other well-lit area.



Pollution Prevention for the Winter Season

Winter is here, which means it is time to prepare your outdoor areas for the season. Proper "winterizing" can help prevent pollution that can affect local creeks, lakes and beaches. The following tips will protect your residential or commercial property, as well as the environment!

- Introduce mulch into your landscape. Mulch can eliminate or limit topsoil erosion from your landscape or garden, preserve moisture, suppress weeds, and it looks good!
- Reduce the irrigation of your landscape. During shorter, cooler winter days, your landscape requires less irrigation. Use a combination of the rain delay feature and reduced cycle times on your irrigation system to conserve water, reduce your monthly bills, and reduce runoff that may transport pollutants. For more tips, please visit <http://www.bewaterwise.com> or contact your local water district.
- Properly store or dispose of hazardous materials. Materials such as fertilizers, pesticides, cleansers, detergents, automotive fluids, pool chemicals and construction wastes such as concrete and paint should be stored under cover or disposed of properly. Hazardous materials that are exposed to the elements can be transported by rainfall, contaminating our local waterways. For locations and hours of Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers, call (714) 834-6752 or visit www.oclandfills.com.



- Ensure that trash bin lids remain closed. Preventing waste materials from coming into direct contact with wind or rain will limit the spread of refuse, debris, bacteria and pathogens into our local environmental resources.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 461-3480. 24-Hour Water Pollution Hotline **877- 89-SPILL**

Recreation/Events Calendar

Winter 2011-12 (November, December)

NOVEMBER

Senior Resource Fair **2**

10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Lake Forest
Community Center
(25550 Commercentre Dr)
Fee: Free



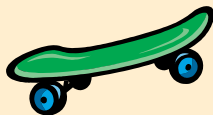
Band Nights at the Skatepark **18**

6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Etnies Skatepark
of Lake Forest
(20028 Lake Forest Dr.)
Fee: \$5 per person
at the door



Skate Street Contest **26**

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
(20028 Lake Forest Dr)
\$25.00 entry fee per person
(Register 9 am day of event
at Skatepark)



DECEMBER

30th Annual Victorian Christmas **3**

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Heritage Hill Historical Park
(25151 Serrano Rd)
Fee: \$4.00 Adults/
\$3.00 Children
ages 3-12
(pay at the door)



26th Annual 10th-11th Candlelight Tour

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Heritage Hill Historical Park
(25151 Serrano Rd)
Fee: \$4.00 Adults/
\$3.00 Children
ages 3-12
(pay at the door)



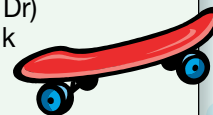
North Pole Calling **5th-7th**

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 pm
Phone calls from Santa,
FREE to all Lake Forest residents.
Ages 3-4 will be called
Monday, 12/5
Ages 5-6 will be called
Tuesday, 12/6
Ages 7-8 will be called
Wednesday, 12/7
Pre-registration is necessary by
filling out the North Pole Calling
Form, available online November 2.



8th Anniversary Skatepark Party **13**

5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
(20028 Lake Forest Dr)
Free. Food and drink
available for
nominal fee.



Band Nights at the Skatepark **16**

6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Etnies Skatepark
of Lake Forest
(20028 Lake Forest Dr.)
Fee: \$5 per person at the door



Breakfast With Santa **10**

8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Seating 1)
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Seating 2)
Lake Forest Community Center
(25550 Commercentre Dr)
Fee: \$6.00 per person
(children ages 3 and older
must be registered)
Pre-registration is
necessary
for this activity.



20th Anniversary Kick-Off Party & Reception **20**

6 p.m.
Lake Forest City Hall
Council Chambers
(25550 Commercentre Dr)
Free



**Register for Winter recreation programs
beginning Tuesday, November 15.**

For more info on any of these activities, call Community Services at 461-3450.



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Important City Telephone Numbers



OC Animal Care 249-5160
Building Division 461-3470
Building Inspection 461-3468
City Clerk 461-3420
City Council 461-3420
City Manager's Office . . . 461-3410
Code Enforcement 461-3474
Community
Policing Center 461-3530
Etnies Skatepark 916-5870
Graffiti Hotline 461-3583
Planning 461-3491
Public Works 461-3480
Recreation 461-3450
Redevelopment 461-3567

IMPORTANT CITY WEBSITES

City
www.lakeforestca.gov
Economic Development
www.lakeforestbusiness.com
Lake Forest Redevelopment Agency
www.thearbor.info
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
www.etniesskateparkoflakeforest.com



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"EXPAND THE FOREST"

The Expand the Forest program allows members of the community to dedicate trees in memory of departed loved ones or to commemorate special occasions while encouraging the expansion of our urban forest. Trees are \$70 and are planted and maintained by the City. There are eight different species of approved trees which may be planted in almost any public property location, including City parks and green belts.

For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 461-3480.



SPONSORS	TREE SPECIES	LOCATION	DEDICATION
Automated Power Technologies	Magnolia Tree	Borrego Overlook Park	Carole Evans
SVMH Recover Room	California Sycamores (2 trees)	Borrego Overlook Park	In Memory of Tony Deniger, Jr.
Loren and Laura Deniger	California Sycamores	Borrego Overlook Park	In Loving Memory of Anthony Peter Deniger, Jr. – Thanks Dad
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Jacobson	California Sycamores	Borrego Overlook Park	In Memory of Anthony Peter Deniger, Jr.
Caroline G. & Roger Brown	California Sycamores (2 trees)	Borrego Overlook Park	For Anthony P. Deniger, Jr.
Andrew Deniger and Katherine Dekker	California Sycamores	Borrego Overlook Park	Anthony Deniger
Glenn and Sharon Arisumi	California Sycamores	Borrego Overlook Park	In Memory of Anthony Peter Deniger, Jr.
Mas and Ethel Arisumi	California Sycamores	Borrego Overlook Park	In Memory of Anthony Peter Deniger, Jr.
Craig and Wanda Conner	California Sycamores	Borrego Overlook Park	In Memory of Anthony Peter Deniger, Jr.
Craig and Patricia Urasaki	California Sycamores	Borrego Overlook Park	In Memory of Anthony Peter Deniger, Jr.
Heath & Kiesha Schmid, and Alan Federl	California Sycamore	Rancho Serrano Park	In Memory of Patricia Simon
The English Girls	Liquid Amber	Rancho Serrano Park	For Patricia Simon, you are loved and missed by all of us
Daughters: Arlene, Julie Sons: Carl, Joe, Alan Sister: Lucy And All Her Grandchildren	Magnolia Tree	Rancho Serrano Park	In Loving Memory of Our Mother and Sister, Patricia Simon

Lake Forest Pet of the Week!

Visit the City's website to meet the Lake Forest "Pet of the Week!" – a joint effort between the City and OC Animal Care to find a forever home for adoptable Lake Forest animals. Visit www.ocpetinfo.com for more available animals. For more information, contact OC Animal Care at 249-5160 or visit www.lakeforestca.gov/pet_of_the_week

